

1947

ATHENS REGIONAL LIBRARY
ATHENS, GEORGIA

Joint meeting of Athens-Clarke Library Board and
General Hospital Board

February 10, 1947 3:30 P.M.

Members present:

Library Board

Mrs. John J. Wilkins, Jr.
Mrs. J.W. Bailey
Mrs. T.H. McHatton
Mayor R.L. McWhorter
Mr. Abit Nix
Mr. H.P. Williams

Hospital Board

Mr. Max Michael
Mr. Harry Hodgson
Mr. Harry Elder
Dr. Frank Hammett

Also present: Miss Mary E. Townes and Mrs. Duncan Burnet

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Mr. Max Michael was unanimously elected Chairman of the campaign to win the bond issue election on March 25th. and Mrs. John J. Wilkins, Jr. Co-Chairman. Mr. Bryan Lumpkin and Mr. Dan Magill will be asked to handle newspaper and radio publicity.

The following persons were suggested to get out the vote among the groups assigned:

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| Mr. Abit Nix | Aldermen |
| Mr. H.P. Williams | Men influential with labor. |
| | Suggested were |
| | Mr. Luther Glass |
| | Mr. Teat |
| | Mr. D.D. Saye |
| Mr. Harry Hodgson | Preachers |
| (Mrs. T.H. McHatton) | |
| (Mrs. Walter Brown) | University |
| Mayor McWhorter | Civic Clubs |
| Mrs. Alvie Hill | Eastern Star (2) Pioneers, Pilot Club |
| Mrs. Harold Hodgson | American Legion Auxiliary |
| Mrs. Warren Weston | Women's Clubs |
| (Mr. Vane Hawkins, Chrm.) | |
| (Mr. Howell Erwin) | |
| (Mr. James Barrow) | Veteran's Organization |
| Mrs. Sara Matthews Woods | |
| Mrs. J.W. Bailey | Church Groups |
| (Mr. Floyd Adams, Chrm.) | |
| (Mrs.W.A. Mathis) | |
| (Mrs. Patsy Dudley) | Schools |
| (Mrs. Emmy Middlebrooks) | |

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Dr. John Simpson

(County Precints)
(Doctors & Dentists)

Civitan Club at Winterville

D.L. Branyon

County

Mrs. Mary Morgan Smith

Everett Patman

Insurance Agents

Gilbert Cohen, student at the University and member of Hillel, approached Mrs. Burnet as a representative of all religious groups on the Campus, including the Y.M.C.A., with their offer of help in putting over the campaign.

Mrs. Burnet suggested that the aid of the Junior Chamber of Commerce be enlisted.

Suggested to stimulate voting:

Bookmarks for the school children

Telephone calls to voters

Loud speaker car to ask "HAVE YOU VOTED"

Eight voting precincts as follows:

Whitehall

Puryears

Winterville

Kinneys (Oconee Heights)

Bradburys (Bogart road)

Sandy Creek (towards Danielville)

Clarke County Court House (For Athens voters)

Princeton

Judge Blanton Fortson

Mrs. Claude Chance

Respectfully submitted
Mary E. Jones
Acting Secretary

ATHENS*CLARKE COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD MEETING

March 12, 1947

A called meeting of the Athens-Clarke County Library Board was held at 4 p.m. March 12, 1947 in Mr. Abit Nix's office. Members present: Mrs. J. J. Wilkins, Jr., Chairman, Abit Nix, Robert Hamilton, Paul Williams. Also present: Mary E. Townes and Mrs. Duncan Burnet.

Mrs. Wilkins gave a resume of progress in the Library Building Bond Election campaign. The Board agreed that while a house to house canvass was probably not absolutely necessary, it was advisable if she could get some one to organize it. Mrs. Wilkins had received one offer to help with it, and other persons were suggested by the Board.

Mrs. Wilkins also reported on the interest of the Negroes in the bond election, and the fact that they wanted to make a survey of library needs for Negroes. Mr. Williams suggested that an Advisory Council for Dunbar Branch be organized, and Mr. Nix thought that five outstanding Negroes could be appointed by the Negroes themselves for this Advisory Council.

Although a quorum was not present, the Board adopted the revised Budget unanimously, asking that it be presented separately to another member of the Board to make a quorum. Miss Townes pointed out that the salary increases should be retroactive to January 1, and the Board agreed. Mention was made of Mrs. Eugene Basinski's excellent service to the Library, and the Board asked to have her salary raised to \$1680 retroactive to January 1, 1947.

The meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Respectively submitted,

Mary E. Townes

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Acting Secretary

ATHENS-CLARKE COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD MEETING

April 25, 1947

The annual meeting of the Athens Clarke County Library Board was held at 12 noon April 25, 1947 in Mr. Abit Nix's office. Members present: Mrs. J. J. Wilkins, Jr., Chairman, Abit Nix, Paul Williams, Mrs. L. M. Shadgett and Mrs. T. H. McHatton. Mayor R. L. McWhorter sent a proxy. Also present: Mary E. Townes and Mrs. Duncan Burnet.

The reading of the minutes was dispensed with on a motion from Mr. Nix seconded by Mr. Williams. Motion carried.

Mrs. Wilkins read a brief financial report, showing the amount of income and expenditures in March and the balance on hand Apr. 1, after which the Director commended briefly on the increase in circulation and the need for more trained staff. The vacancy left by Mrs. Basinski has not yet been filled because of the lack of suitable applicants and the general shortage of professional librarians. Meanwhile, the Library was making out with the cataloguing by Mrs. Burnet's working full time and Miss Alma Hughes working overtime on Saturdays.

An invitation to the Board to send our Negro branch librarian to Atlanta University in May for a one week institute was read by Mrs. Burnet at Mrs. Wilkins's request. The expenses of the institute are being paid by a foundation; the only cost to the Board would be hiring a substitute to keep the branch open. It was moved by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mrs. McHatton, that Mrs. Wilkins work out a way to send Roxie Jarrell to the Institute in Atlanta. Motion carried.

By way of unfinished business - Mrs. Wilkins reported that the purchase of the Stern house has not yet been decided on by the County Commissioners. They have appointed a Citizens Committee to advise them on the expenditure of the bond issue funds. The Committee consists of Judge Blanton Fortson, Morton Hodgson, Abit Nix, James White, and *Carter Daniel, also Thomas Tellman and Mrs. Sarah Wilkins*.

Although the annual meeting is the regular time for the election of officers, since the Board will probably be enlarged shortly, Mrs. McHatton moved and Mr. Williams seconded the motion that the election be postponed until the new board is appointed. Motion carried.

Notice had been given to members of the Board of the proposed change in the Constitution to permit enlargement of the Board, on or before March 12, 1947, in accordance with the Constitution. Mr. Nix moved and Mr. Williams seconded the motion that a nominating committee for membership on the Board consist of Mrs. Wilkins, Mrs. McHatton and Mrs. Shadgett. Motion carried, Mr. Nix acting chairman. Mr. Nix then moved that the word "fifteen" in Article III be deleted so as to permit increase to a maximum of thirty members, and that the method of determining election of the Board members, e.g. how ~~retirement~~ should be staggered, etc., be established by the nominating committee. Mr. Williams seconded. Motion carried.

On recommendation of the Director as reported by Mrs. Wilkins, it was moved by Mr. Williams, finance chairman, seconded, and carried, that Mrs. Burnet be employed on a fulltime basis at \$2700 until a cataloguer could be found.

Discussion followed as to possibilities for new board members.

Many names were mentioned. Mr. Williams suggested Billy Daniel, Fain Slaughter, Billy Wier, Mrs. Alvie Hill, Morton Hodgson, John Bondurant. Others were suggested by other members of the Board, and every one present was asked by Mr. Nix to give the suggestions to the members of the nominating committee.

The meeting adjourned at 12:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary E. Townes

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Acting Secretary

ATHENS REGIONAL LIBRARY BOARD MEETING

July 23, 1947

The Athens Regional Library Board held its meeting at the YMCA July 23rd at 2:30 p.m. Members present were: Mrs. J. W. Bailey, Mr. W. H. Ashford, Mr. Robert Hamilton, Mr. Abit Nix, Mrs. E. O. Cabaniss, Mrs. J. J. Wilkins. Also present: Mrs. Duncan Burnet and Miss Mary Townes.

Mrs. Wilkins called for minutes, which were read by Miss Townes. They were accepted.

The Semi-annual report was given to each member. Discussed by Miss Townes.

Mr. Nix made the motion that the budget adjustments be referred to the finance committee, of which Mr. Williams is chairman. Seconded by Mr. Hamilton, the motion was carried.

Mrs. Bussey and Mr. Aiken are resigning from the Bookmobile staff because of low salary. Miss Townes suggested that she try to find some one who is capable of driving the bookmobile and also capable of serving as librarian for a salary of \$2100, instead of having two persons, one full time and one part time, as now.

Mr. Nix recommended that we offer Mr. Frank Ashford Mr. Aiken's place, and ask that Mrs. Bussey continue until September 30. It was suggested that we pay Mr. Ashford \$100. per month then increase the salary if he can take Mrs. Bussey's place.

Mr. Hamilton was appointed for Clarke County, Mr. Ashford for Oconee County, Mrs. Cabaniss for Oglethorpe County, to look into the possibility of getting a millage rate for yearly support of the library.

Mrs. Wilkins discussed the changing of the name of the Athens Regional Library. Suggestions for names were given. Mrs. Bailey suggested: The Athens Public Library - Regional Service.

Mrs. Wilkins gave the report on our "new home".

The next meeting of the Board was called for the second Wednesday in October, to be held in Lexington.

Respectfully submitted,

Louise Cabaniss,
Acting Secretary

MINUTES OF THE REGIONAL LIBRARY BOARD MEETING
HELD AT LEXINGTON, GA. OCT. 15, 1947

Mrs. J. J. Wilkins, chairman of the Regional Library Board called the meeting to order. Those present from Clarke County were Mrs. Wilkins, and Mrs. McHatton; From Oglethorpe were Mrs. Cabiness, Mr. Brooks, Mrs. Calloway, Mrs. Harris and Mr. Howard. Mr. Ashford and Mrs. Downs represented the Oconee County Board. Mrs. Downs was appointed secretary-protempore.

The first item on the agenda was a discussion of the possibility of getting the old Postoffice Building or the advisability of repairing and remodeling the Stern house for the use of the library in Athens. Mrs. Wilkins appointed Mr. Gunn and Mrs. McHatton on a building committee with her to investigate the costs and the proper procedure.

The following were appointed on a Finance Committee to work with Miss Townes on the 1948 budget. Mr. Gunn from Clarke, Mr. Ashford from Oconee and Mr. Brooks from Oglethorpe. *subject to Mr. Gunn's acceptance*

The recommendations of the director of the library regarding some budget policy changes were discussed.

1. Have local funds in Oconee and Oglethorpe paid to local library board.

2. Have local library board pay local library expenses.

These changes were to be kept under advisement but no action was taken.

3. Have local boards pay county's share of joint expenses to Regional Library. Joint expenses include administration, book processing and Bookmobile Service.

a. Readjust assessment of book processing costs using experience of 1946-47 as a basis.

b. Assess bookkeeping costs on same percentage as book processing

costs.

c. Assess Director's salary on equal share basis: $\frac{1}{4}$ Athens, $\frac{1}{4}$ Clarke, $\frac{1}{4}$ Oconee, $\frac{1}{4}$ Oglethorpe.

d. Assess share of costs between counties(outside Athens) on basis of:

- (1) Property Valuation
- (2) Population - ie- potential users
- (3) Circulation in 1946-47
- (4) Distance from headquarters (those closest can use headquarters best).

e. Ask budget committee to study the assessment of library costs through out the year.

Motion was made by Mrs. Cabaness and seconded by Mrs. McHatton that all of item 3 be decided upon by the Finance Committee under Miss Townes direction.

Recommendations for budget policy changes continued regarding personnel.

1. The Finance committee was to determine the advisability of raising salaries.

2. Motion was made by Mr. Ashford and seconded by Mr. Howard that Mr. Aiken's salary be raised from \$1,200.00 to \$1,320.00 per year if he continues as Bookmobile Driver and Clerk. The motion carried.

3. Motion was made by Mr. Brooks and seconded by Mrs. McHatton that the assistant Bookmobile Librarian be employed for three days per week instead of two at a salary of \$75.00 per month instead of \$50.00. This motion carried.

4. Motion was made by Mrs. McHatton and seconded by Mr. Ashford that the rearrangement of the Athens staff, giving Miss Smith work on special projects and in the cataloguing department employing desk assistant for busy

hours that she now has at desk, be left to the Athens-Clarke Board. The motion carried.

5. The practice of employment of part time mender for Bookmobile books is to be continued.

Recommendations for budget policy changes continues regarding Negro Library Service. Mr. Brooks made the motion and Mrs. Cabiness seconded that:

1. A Negro Library Board be established to function as a Committee of the Regional Library Board with power to recommend.

2. That this Negro Library Board should have charge of Dunbar Branch and extension service to rural Negroes. That funds be allocated to the Negro Library Board from the Regional Library to work out a budget. Additional funds may be raised by the Negro Library Board, if possible.

Mr. Brooks made the motion and Mrs. Harris seconded that the policy regarding library fines be changed so that no fines be charged for Sundays or days when the library is closed. This motion carried.

The following library holidays were set up by a motion by Mrs. McHatton and seconded by Mrs. Harris which carried:

January 1
July 4
Labor Day
Thanksgiving Day
3 Days at Christmas: Eve, Christmas Day and December 26th.

Mrs. Wilkins read a request asking for the use of the Library garage for parking vehicles during classes by University students. Mrs. McHatton made the motion and Mrs. Cabiness seconded that this request be granted of those parking their vehicles assume all responsibility and as long as it was agreeable with Mrs. Wilkins, The motion carried.

A request for the renting of Stern house to be used as a hotel was made. Mr. Brooks made the motion and Mrs. McHatton seconded that this be

referred to the Building Committee and the decision be left with Mrs. Wilkins after their report. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted:

Mrs. J. J. Wilkins, Chairman

Mrs. R. H. Downs Secy. Protem.
Mrs. R. H. Downs

LIBRARY
MINUTES OF ATHENS-CLARKE COUNTY BOARD MEETING

November 12, 1947

The Athens-Clarke County Library Board met at the YMCA building at 11 a.m. Members present: Mrs. J. J. Wilkins, Jr., Mrs. T. H. McHatton, Miss Mary Woods, Mr. Robert Gunn. Mr. Paul Williams sent his proxy by Mrs. Wilkins. Also present: Mrs. Burnet and Miss Townes.

The meeting was called to order. A summary of the minutes were read, with sections pertinent to the building problem read in full.

Mrs. Wilkins gave a brief history of the building proposals and problems for the benefit of the new members of the board, and asked Mr. Gunn to consider serving as chairman of the building committee. Mr. Gunn promised to think it over.

A discussion of the choice of architect took place. Miss Townes reported that Dr. William Randall, Director of the University Libraries, had consented to serve as consulting architect, if a local architect wanted him to work with him. The motion was made by Mrs. McHatton and seconded by Mr. Gunn that Mrs. Wilkins approach Mr. Heery, to ask him to work as architect for the building (i.e. remodelling the Stern House) with Dr. Randall as consultant.

Miss Townes asked for permission to make some changes in the type of work Miss Smith as assigned to do. Mrs. Wilkins appointed a committee to look into this during next week: Mrs. Wilkins, Mrs. Burnet, Mrs. McHatton and Miss Townes.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary E. Townes

Acting Secretary